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LUANDA; ATTACKS MARXIST PHILOSOPHY OF MPLA; CALLS FOR RENEGOT-  
IATION OF GULF CONTRACT

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. IN SPEECHES AND PRESS CONFERENCES DURING RECENT, TRIUMPHAL  
VISITS TO THREE ANGOLAN CITIES, UNITA LEADER JONAS SAVIMBI HAS  
SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE A POPULAR, EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN FOR MODERATION  
AS ANGOLA PREPARES FOR 9 MONTHS OF TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.  
FOLLOWING POINTS CULLED FROM HIS STATEMENTS IN VARIOUS FORUMS:

A. "PRODUCTION, NOT STRIKES." IN AN OBLIQUE SLAP AT MPLA,  
SAVIMBI SAID BEFORE WE CAN DISCUSS DISTRIBUTION, ANGOLA MUST  
PRODUCE; THE DISTRIBUTIVE GOAL IS NOT "EQUALITY" BUT "JUSTICE."

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IN THAT CONTEXT SAVIMBI DECLARED UNITA AGAINST THE RECENT WAVE

OF STRIKES, ESPECIALLY WHEN POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.

B. EDUCATION. SPEAKING OF EDUCATION SAVIMBI CALLED FOR NO GENERAL REJECTION OF THE PORTUGUESE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM BUT SELECTIVE RETENTION OF WHAT IS GOOD, REFORM OF WHAT IS BAD. "SMALL GROUPS OF AGITATORS" (READ MPLA) MUST BE REJECTED. HE POINTEDLY ATTACKED "MARXIST-LENINIST" TEACHERS WHO ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE THEIR PERSONAL VIEWS ON STUDENTS AND CALLED FOR MORE VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

C. "MAJORITY GOVERNMENT." SAVIMBI SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE ANY OF THE THREE PARTIES WILL HAVE AN ABSOLUTE ELECTORAL MAJORITY BUT THAT ONE (READ UNITA) WILL HAVE A PLURALITY AND WITHIN A CONTINUING COALITION GOVERNMENT ITS POLICIES SHOULD BE THOSE FOLLOWED.

D. MILITARY EXCESS. ASKED WHAT UNITA WOULD DO WITH SOLDIERS LEFT OVER AFTER CONTRIBUTING 8,000 TO THE NEW ANGOLAN ARMY, HE SAID SOME WOULD BECOME POLICE AND OTHERS WILL BE USED FOR POLITICAL WORK.

E. HIS WELCOME. EXPRESSING SURPRISE (PROBABLY GENUINE) AT ITS MAGNITUDE, SAVIMBI CITED THE FACT HIS GROUP FOUGHT WITHIN ANGOLA. HE SAID THE PEOPLE APPRECIATE THE DIFFERENCE.

F. AID TO FOREIGN LIBERATION GROUPS. ALTHOUGH STATING THAT SUPPORT OF LIBERATION STRUGGLES IS OF SACRED PRINCIPLE TO UNITA, THEY WOULD NOT IMPOSE AID, WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND ABOVE ALL, IF THEY WON THE UPCOMING ELECTION, WOULD NOT ALLOW FOREIGN LIBERATION GROUPS TO OPEN OFFICES IN ANGOLA TO "DRINK AND JOYRIDE." THEY WILL NOT ASSIST "PROFESSIONAL REVOLUTIONARIES, BUT RATHER THOSE WHO FIGHT EFFECTIVELY."

G. NATIONALIZATION AND GULF. UNITA'S POSITION, SAID SAVIMBI, IS AGAINST NATIONALIZATIONS SINCE THEY DON'T AFFECT THE REAL POSITION OF THE WORKER. GULF CAN STAY BUT THE CONTRACT MUST BE RENEGOTIATED TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE. WORKERS SHOULD BE TREATED AS HUMAN BEINGS, NOT MACHINES. ANGOLA NEEDS GULF'S TECHNICAL ABILITY.  
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H. THE ROLE OF POST-APRIL 25 PARTIES. ON THIS CRUCIAL ISSUE SAVIMBI WAFFLED. HE SAID THERE COULD BE NO EXCLUSIVELY WHITE POLITICAL PARTIES, BUT DID NOT RULE OUT A ROLE FOR GROUPS LIKE FUA. (IN THE SOUTH SAVIMBI WAS ACCOMPANIED BY WHITE ANGOLAN INDUSTRIALIST FERNANDES VIEIRA AND HIS PARTY WAS IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH FUA'S FALCAO.)

2. CONGEN OFFICER AND AF/S DEPUTY DIRECTOR ARENALES WHO WITNESSED THE UNITA PRESENCE IN NOVA LISBOA AND SAVIMBI'S "HOMECOMING" AT THE DONDI MISSION WERE IMPRESSED BY THE SIZE (ABOUT 5,000), GOOD HUMOR AND ORGANIZATION OF THE EFFORT. WHITES APPEARED TO BE EFFECTIVELY COOPERATING (E.G. PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION). SINCE BEING DELIVERED TO LUSO JANUARY 27 BY ZAMBIAN (BRITISH-PILOTED) AIRCRAFT, SAVIMBI HAS BEEN FERRIED TO NOVA LISBOA, DONDI AND LOBITO BY PORTUGUESE MILITARY HELICOPTER. HIS REMARKS HAVE OFTEN BEEN DIRECTED TOWARDS THE WHITE COMMUNITY AND HAVE BEEN HIGHLY CONCILIATORY IN TONE. HIS PARTY INCLUDED SEVERAL ZAMBIANS AND SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNALISTS, AND SOME UNITA GRAFFITI ON WALLS IN NOVA LISBOA WAS IN ENGLISH, AS WERE SOME OF HIS REPLIES TO QUESTIONS AT PRESS CONFERENCES.

3. SAVIMBI AT THIS EARLY STAGE APPEARS CLEARLY TO BE THE DOMINANT POWER IN THE SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL PARTS OF ANGOLA, BOTH POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY. WHILE TAKING JABS AT MPLA AND TO A LESSER EXTENT FNLA (ZAIRIAN IMPERIALISM) HE HAS CONTINUED TO STRESS UNITY AND COOPERATION TO THE EXTENT OF DISPLAYING MPLA AND FNLA FLAGS ON THE ROSTRUMS.  
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